*[Translation]*

**Setting up of Inter Colleges for Handicapped**

2475. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received proposals from the Government of Uttar Pradesh to open Inter Colleges for the deaf and dumb persons in some places particularly in Bore;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the locations thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Ministry of Welfare has not received any such proposals.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

**Inclusion of New Communities in SCs/STs List**

2476. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have appointed any High level committee to work out the possibilities for inclusion of some new communities in the list of SCs and STs;

(b) if so, whether this committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have examined the Report; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (e). No, Sir. However, an Advisory Committee had been constituted in October, 1993 to go into various issues relating to the revision of the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. That Committee did not complete its work, and is no longer in existence.

*[English]*

**Upgradation of Post Offices**

2477. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Post Offices upgraded during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of Post Offices proposed to be upgraded during 1996-97, State-wise;

(c) whether any criteria have been adopted for upgradation of Post Offices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of Post Offices upgraded during each of the last three years, Postal Circle-wise is given in the attached Statement - I.

(b) No separate target is fixed for upgradation of Extra Departmental Post Offices. Upgradation of Extra Departmental Post Offices is included in the Plan for opening of Sub-Post Offices. It is proposed to open 150 Departmental Sub-Post Offices. Annual Plan, 1996-97. The Postal Circle-wise target fixed for opening of Departmental Sub-Post Office during 1996-97 is given in the attached Statement - II.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The criteria fixed by the Government to upgrade Post Offices is given in the attached Statement - III.

**STATEMENT - I**

*Number of Post Offices Upgraded during the last three years (Statewise and year-wise)*

| S.No. | Name of State | Nos. of Post Offices upgraded | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 2 | - | - |
| 2. | Assam | 9 | 3 | - |
| 3. | Bihar | - | - | - |
| 4. | Delhi | 1 | 1 | - |
| 5. | Gujarat | - | - | 3 |
| | Dadar & Nagar Haveli | - | - | - |
| | Daman and Diu | - | - | - |
| 6. | Haryana | - | 1 | - |
| 7. | Himachal Pradesh | - | 1 | 1 |
| 8. | J and K | - | - | 1 |
| 9. | Karnataka | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 10. | Kerala | 3 | 2 | 16 |
| | Lakshadweep | - | - | - |
| 11. | Maharashtra | - | 1 | 1 |
| | Goa | - | - | - |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| 13. | North East | | | |
| | Arunachal Pradesh | - | 2 | - |
| | Manipur | - | - | - |
| | Meghalaya | - | 2 | - |
| | Nagaland | - | - | - |
| | Mizoram | - | - | - |
| | Tripura | - | - | - |
| 14. | Orissa | 4 | 1 | - |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15. | Punjab | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Chandigarh | - | - | - |
| 16. | Rajasthan | 1 | - | 1 |
| 17. | Tamil Nadu | 1 | 2 | 15 |
| | Pondicherry | - | - | - |
| 18. | Uttar Pradesh | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 19. | West Bengal | - | - | - |
| | Sikkim | - | - | - |
| | Andaman & Nicobar | - | - | |
| | Total | 35 | 21 | 42 |

**STATEMENT-II**

*Target fixed for opening of departmental sub-post offices during 1996-97*

| S.No. | Name of Circle | Target DSO* |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 5 |
| 2. | Assam | 4 |
| 3. | Bihar | 11 |
| 4. | Delhi | 10 |
| 5. | Gujarat | 12 |
| 6. | Haryana | 10 |
| 7. | Himachal Pradesh | 10 |
| 8. | J and K | 2 |
| 9. | Karnataka | 10 |
| 10. | Kerala | 9 |
| 11. | Madhya Pradesh | 9 |
| 12. | Maharashtra | 12 |
| 13. | North East | 4 |
| 14. | Orissa | 4 |
| 15. | Punjab | 4 |
| 16. | Rajasthan | 10 |
| 17. | Tamilnadu | 4 |
| 18. | Uttar Pradesh | 16 |
| 19. | West Bengal | 4 |
| | Total | 150 |

* Departmental sub post office.

**STATEMENT-III**

*Criteria for Upgradation of Extra Departmental Branch Post Office and Extra Departmental Sub Post Office into Departmental Sub Post Office*

1. The minimum daily workload of the Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices/Extra Departmental Sub Post Offices should be at least five hours.
2. The annual loss should not be more than Rs. 2400/- per annum in normal rural areas and Rs. 4800/- per annum in tribal and hilly areas. In Urban areas the post office should be initially self-supporting. At the time of the first annual review, it should show 5% profit to be eligible for further retention. The profit and loss is assessed according to the formula of income and cost, followed by the Department. This formula takes into consideration the income of the office from sale of stamps and stationery, postage collected on uppaid and insufficiently paid articles, commission on money orders and Indian Postal Orders issued and paid by the Office and Savings banks transactions. A percentage of the total inflow of revenue on these accounts is taken for calculating the income of a Post Office. The cost of the Post Office is based on the establishment charges, rental liability, fixed stationery charges and value of stamps and stationery sold to cover the cost of printing of stamps and stationery etc.
3. The distance between two post offices should not be less than 1.5 Km. in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above, and 2 Kms. in other urban areas. If it is a delivery post office, the distance from the nearest delivery post office should not be less than 5 Kms.

   Heads of Circles have powers to relax the distance condition in 10% of the cases.

**Criteria for Upgradation of a Sub Post Office to Head Post Office**

A sub Post Office is upgraded to Head Post Office by bifurcating the accounts jurisdiction of an existing Head post Office when the number of sub post offices under it exceeds 60. There is a further stipulation that after bifurcating the number of sub post offices to be placed under the existing Head Post Office and the proposed Head Post Office is not less than 20. A Head Post Office can also be created in a district if there are 20 sub offices in that district to be placed under the account jurisdiction of the proposed Head Office. In hilly and backward areas, the norms can be relaxed if there is appreciable advantage in financing the Post Offices by upgradation of a sub post office into a Head Post Office.

*[Translation]*

**Doordarshan/AIR, Bihar**

2478. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated to Doordarshan and All India Radio centres in Bihar, head-wise;